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Coffee County EMA director says COVID-19 numbers looking better at end of September

Coffee County EMA director James Brown continuously provides updates for the community concerning the COVID-19 virus. Last Friday, Oct. 1, he reported things were looking a bit better regarding cases and hospitalizations to start the new month.

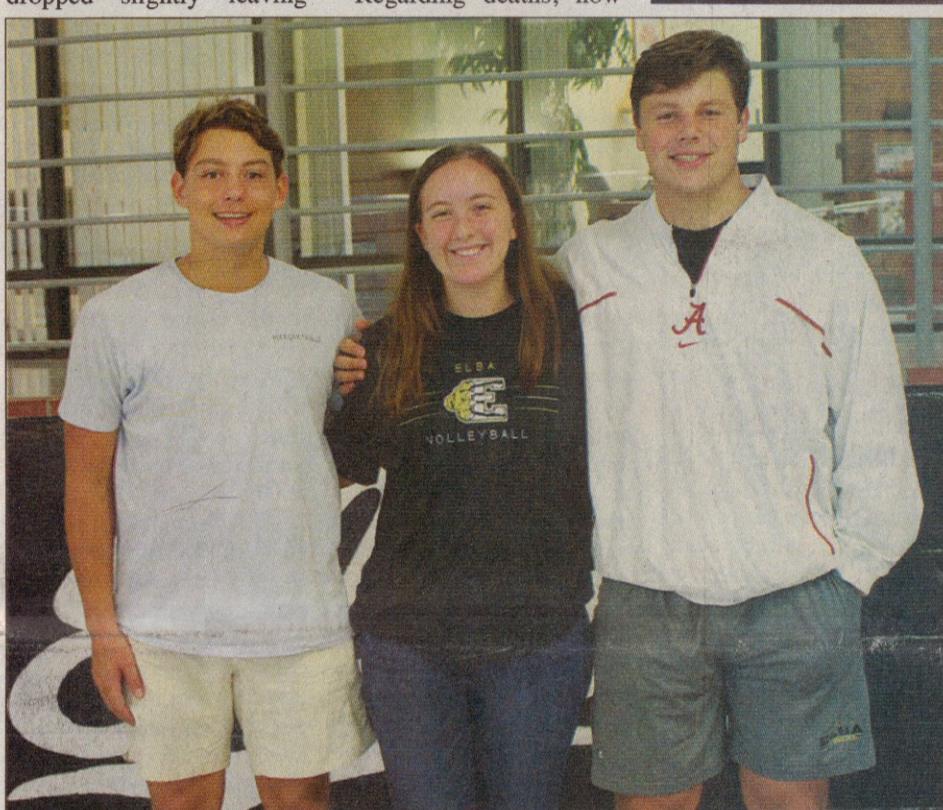
"Both our cases and hospitalizations continue a steep downward trend from our update on Sept. 20th," Brown said. "However, our test positivity rate has only dropped slightly leaving

ever, he said it can take several weeks to process and ensure cause of death, but as the hospitalizations had come down over the month, the death rate [associated with the virus] continued to rise."

"On Sept. 1st we showed 145 total deaths in the county due to COVID-19, and on Sept. 30th we showed 182 deaths in the county," Brown said. "That is an

reduction in hospitalizations," Brown said. "Regarding deaths, how-

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These three Elba students received special recognition last Friday, Oct. 1, when they were announced as the recipients of 'Good Citizen' and 'HOBY' awards. From left: Whit Shehee, senior, was named the EHS Good Citizen; Callie Pope, senior, was named the DAR Good Citizen for Elba High School; and Brayden Johnson, sophomore, was named the recipient of the HOBY award for Elba this school year.

Three Elba students recognized by their teachers for leadership and service skills

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Three Elba High School students received special honors last Friday, Oct. 1, when it was announced they had been chosen for various leadership awards.

Seniors Whit Shehee and Callie Pope were named the Elba High School honorees for the EHS Good Citizen and DAR Good Citizen awards. Shehee is the EHS Good Citizen for 2021 while Pope is the DAR Good Citizen for Elba High School.

Pope's DAR Good Citizen nomination now will be pitted against other DAR Good Citizens from the schools in Coffee County, and the county-wide winner will be announced later this year by the local DAR [Daughters of the American Revolution] chapter.

The DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest was created in 1934 and is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools and communities. The EHS award follows the same qualifications as the DAR Good Citizens award, according to Elba High School principal Wynne Grimes.

"Whit and Callie were nominated by their teachers because they demonstrate the qualities of the award on a daily basis," Grimes said.

Shehee, the son of Kelly and Kayron Shehee, said it was an honor to be chosen to be the EHS Good Citizen

for his senior class, his school and his community.

Pope, the daughter of Aaron Pope and Martha Pope, said she too is honored to be named the DAR Good Citizen. As she moves into the scholarship contest portion of the Good Citizen program by competing against other DAR Good Citizens from across Coffee County, she said she hopes she represents Elba in a way that is deserving of the award.

Also, recognized last Friday at Elba High School was sophomore Brayden Johnson as the 2021 recipient of the HOBY award for Elba High School. He is the son of Jason and Shelia Johnson.

HOBY was founded by Hugh O'Brien in 1985 as a "non-profit organization with a mission to inspire a global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation." For more than five decades, HOBY has inspired young people to make a difference and become catalysts for positive change in their home, school, workplace, and community.

Like Shehee and Pope, Grimes said Johnson also was nominated for the HOBY award by his teachers. He will attend a conference at the end of the school year and will be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship upon completion of the HOBY conference.

"We are very proud of these three students," Grimes said. "They are the epitome of the type of leaders we want our young people at Elba City Schools



MISS ELBA HEADS TO PEANUT COMPETITION...The Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant will be held this weekend [Friday Oct. 8th and Saturday, Oct. 9th] at the Dothan Civic Center, and Elba's own Kate Hudson will be vying for the crown of Miss National Peanut Festival 2021. Kate is the reigning Miss Elba. Last weekend, Kate was among the many supporters for Little Miss Elba Piper Tamborski as she competed in the Little Miss Peanut Festival pageant [they are pictured above outside the Dothan Civic Center following the event]. This weekend as Piper will be among those cheering loudly for Kate to be the winner as she represents her hometown of Elba, Alabama!



TWO-VEHICLE CRASH...Local emergency personnel responded Saturday, Oct. 2, to the scene of this motor vehicle accident involving a total of two vehicles (one pictured above). This accident was on Alabama Highway 134, just east of County Road 410. Reportedly, there was one injury in the accident. No further details were provided.



The Jack Day Festival, hosted by Altrusa International of Jack was the place-to-be last Saturday for car enthusiasts with some 80 vehicles on display for the event's car show.

Jack Day Festival brings crowd to ZC community

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Altrusa International of Jack, Alabama hosted its 18th annual Jack Day Festival last Saturday, Oct. 2, in the Zion Chapel community.

Britley Parker, an Altrusa of Jack member, said this was a highly successful

event for the non-profit organization with some 30 different vendors on site, along with approximately 80 cars on display for a car show.

"The Jack Day Festival is really our only fundraiser for the year," Parker said. "As a service organization, Altrusa recognizes literacy as its mission, and our local club promotes literacy through various projects."

Some service projects funded by Altrusa of Jack include: awarding three monetary scholarships per year, buying books for the local daycare, sponsoring

Elba Public Library plans events

The Elba Public Library invites the community to participate in several different activities planned for October!

Story Time returns Thursday, Oct. 7, at 4 p.m. for children ages 3 through 6th grade. This is held each Thursday at 4 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 18, the library will host "Make It Monday" - a free program

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Area Happenings

THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY BOARD will meet Thursday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 42, ELBA, will conduct its monthly meeting Saturday, Oct. 9, at the American Legion post building, beginning at 10:30 a.m. A cookout will follow. All members and veterans are encouraged to attend.

FALL LAWN CARE AND LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP PLANNED for Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 1-4 p.m. inside the Coffee County Community Room of the Coffee County Commission complex in New Brockton, Ala. Those in attendance will learn how to properly care for a lawn and landscape through fall and into early spring. This is sponsored by the Coffee County Extension office. To register, call (334) 894-5596 or email: gpm0006@auburn.edu

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"There comes a time when you do have to give up what you consider your individual right of making your own decision, for the greater good of society." President Biden's chief medical advisor Dr. Anthony Fauci supporting vaccine mandates

The Democrats have a plan to have banks report all transactions from \$600 up (both inflow and outflow), but it has raised some privacy concerns. However, we see the largest problem being the massive pile of information that would include! In fact, the IRS would have to hire thousands of clerks just to look at all the checks that go through the banking system every day and then match them to IRS tax return files! This would be a nightmare in both human manhours and computers with the ability to digest all that information and then to know exactly what to do with it. We thought banks already had to report transactions over \$10,000 to someone "up there" so maybe if they need more information to catch tax cheaters, drop that number to \$5,000. It would be a hundred times easier to manage and would improve the tax cheater trails to follow.

There is still no decision on what has become regular business in the US House and Senate and that is raising the debt limit. It is the Democrats against the Republicans – again. We saw some numbers on this process a few days ago. Wish we had copied it down. Anyway, each party has been in power multiple times when this action was taken. Also, each time the political party NOT in power blames the other side for the mismanagement of the money.

There is continuing talk in Washington about taking the Social Security program private with the individual having control over investing the funds. That is not a good idea. Of course it would not impact us already on Social Security, just the younger folks. What would happen is many people would get bad advice/invest in dumb shaky things/ lose much or all of their retirement funds and expect the government (taxpayers) to bail them out, adding one more family to the welfare rolls.

Each of us can cite disasters and other major events that have rocked our little world. Monday morning (or maybe Sunday evening) a widowed weekly newspaper owner we know unfortunately put many of us to shame in that department. Her adult grandson took her pistol, crawled under her office desk and took his own life. Add that unimaginable event to a crushing list of unhappy events in a good person's life and our reaction was "Her trials and tribulations would make the bible story of Job's hardships take back seat!" For years she has been banking on him to like the newspaper business enough to be the family member who kept the paper in the family.

Be safe, wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s)!

LIBRARY

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learn about pollinators and enjoy fun activities and snacks.

Those planning to participate in the Oct. 18th and the Oct. 21st programs are asked to register ahead of time. This helps them to have the appropriate amount of supplies for the programs.

To sign up for the programs, or for more information, call (334) 897-6921, email: library@elbaal.gov, or message the Elba Public Library on Facebook.

**Cuzin Lou Lou
had to take an
unexpected
break this week...**

**Her "Tales from
Yonder" will
return next week!**

**** Note: Sister
did not choke
her... YET!**

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6 months - \$13
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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, September 28, 2021, and Monday, October 4, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Sept. 28 – Suspicious person reported at 1176 Neil Grantham Dr (12:16 a.m.); Theft of services reported at 1710 Jones St (8:16 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Court Ave (8:32 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 997 Winston Ave (9:47 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1795 Claxton Ave N (10:21 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Boutwell Ave (6:17 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 883 Cedar Lane Dr (8:41 p.m.); Fight reported at 349 County Rd 502 (11:39 p.m.).

Wednesday, Sept. 29 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 220 County Rd 401 (8:36 a.m.); Harassment reported to Elba Police (9:18 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 1021 Martin Luther King Dr (11:54 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 616 Lee St (1:54 p.m.); Drug activity reported at 745 Lee St (3:34 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one arrest and two written warnings.

Thursday, Sept. 30 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (3:21 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (3:57 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 1141 Forest Lake Dr (6:03 p.m.); Harassing communication reported to Elba Police (7:43 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in three written warnings.

Saturday, Oct. 2 – Suspicious vehicle reported on Simmons St at the library (1:32 a.m.); Assault reported at 209 Adkinson Ave (10:59 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1299 Ann St (1:44 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 595 Collier St (2:47 p.m.); Animal complaint with impound at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (4:08 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on County Rd 308 – an arrest was made (4:36 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1294 Ann St (5:23 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 1023 Guyton St (7:10 p.m.); Drug activity reported on Calhoun St (8:28 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 606 Simmons St (11:38 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Hwy 203 and Hickman Ave (11:57 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in one arrest and two written warnings.

Friday, Oct. 1 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 429 N Claxton Ave (4:28 a.m.); Animal complaint with impound at 1285 Ann St (8:09 a.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Adkinson and Claxton avenues – an arrest was made (8:41 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at Morrow Village (9:47 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 154 Yelverton Ave – an arrest was made (10:32 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 (12:35 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 209 Adkinson Ave (2:32 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 19795 Hwy 189 (3:19 p.m.); Civil

mischievous reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (3:58 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported to Elba Police (7:49 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 5701 County Rd 401 (8:09 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (10:00 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at the bridge on Davis St (10:13 p.m.).

Monday, Oct. 4 – Man with a gun reported at 1005 Elm Ave (12:13 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (3:48 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 977 County Rd 239 (9:19 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 318 Smith Ave (11:58 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 400 Reddoch Hill Rd (12:12 p.m.); Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported at 209 Adkinson Ave (8:18 p.m.).

BE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD

Vote in the 2021 SAEC annual meeting

To protect the health of our community during the pandemic, this year we will take mail-in voting for the SAEC board of trustees elections.

You should have received your annual meeting voting packet in the mail. Follow the simple steps to cast your vote.

- Review the candidate information. Mark one choice for each district. Then, place your ballot in the mail.
- Allow plenty of time for your ballot to reach the independent auditor.
- All ballots must be received before 5 p.m. on Oct. 25.

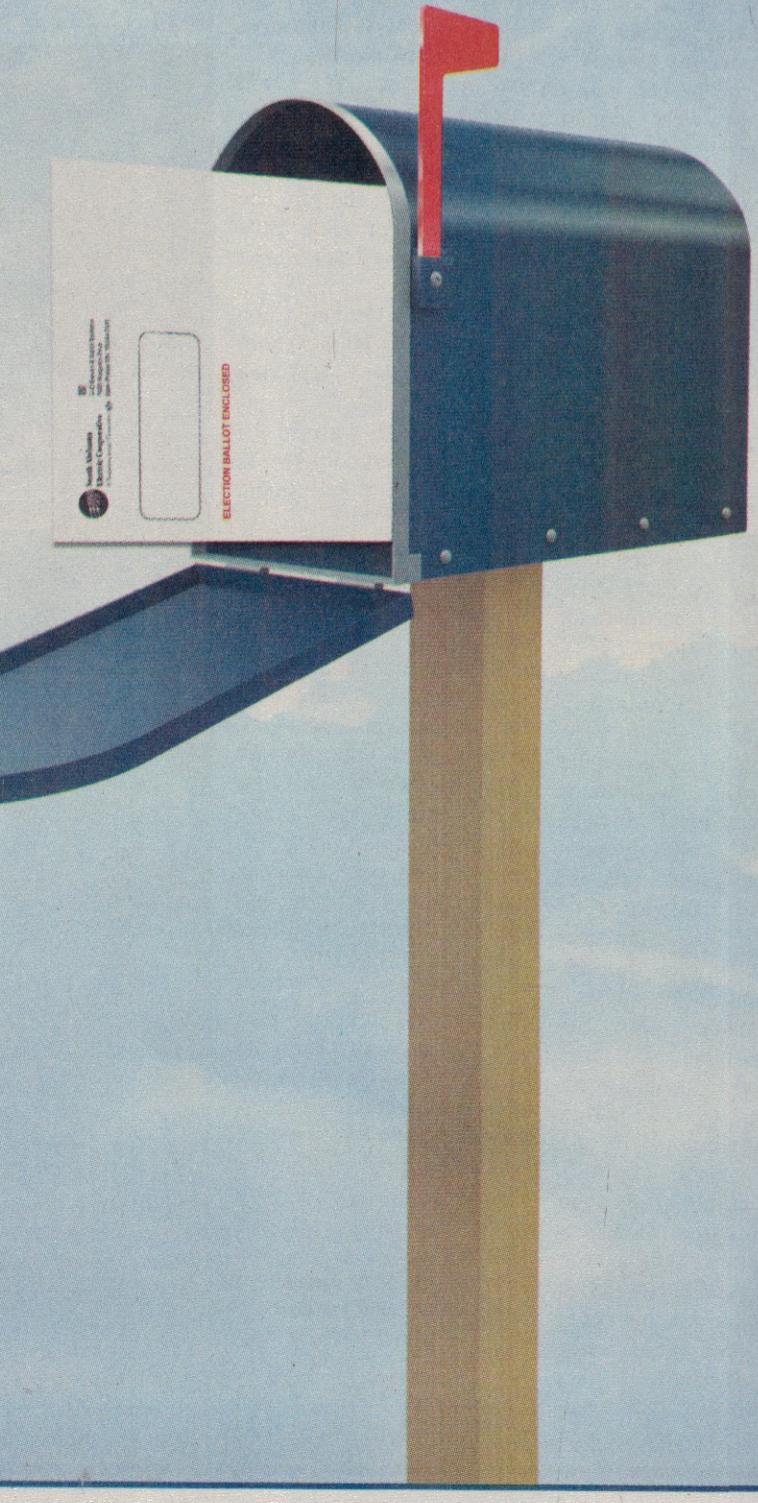
The 2021 annual meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 26 at the SAEC office complex.

In keeping with the pandemic safety measures, there will be no food, entertainment, goody bags or door prizes on the day of the meeting.

There will be a \$10 bill credit per membership for those members who mail in a completed ballot.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

BOBBY COPELAND

Mr. Bobby Copeland, of Elba, Ala., died recently. Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, from the Chapel of Coleman Funeral Home, Elba, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Bobby was born on March 24, 1957 in Pike County to the late Jessie Lee Cooper and Allen Sears. He attended school in the Troy, Ala. school system.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Jessie Lee Cooper and Allen Sears, James "Jimmy" Copeland (step-father); and siblings: Essie Mae Sears, Willie Charles Cooper and Willie Mae Cooper Smith.

Survivors include his daughter: Nakiska Buchanan (Jeff); grandsons: Freeshone McLeod, Tyrell Crawford and Jackson Buchanan; sisters: Daisy Morris, Betty Sue Anderson (John), Bettie Jean Cooper and Sylvia Cooper; brothers: JD Sears (Felecia) and Leon Lamar Cooper; a loving second family: Chimere Davis (Joseph) and nine children, Latrus Edwards McClain (Willie) and two children, Steven Edwards one child and five great grands; special friends: Henry Still and Willie Allen; family friend Connie Pugh and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

BEN WILLIAMS

Mr. Ben Williams, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021, at Flowers Hospital.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, from Harris Temple Church of God in Christ, Elba, with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Ben was born on July 2, 1938 in Coffee County to the late Ruby Grace and Bill Frank Williams. He attended church with his family at Elba Zion MBC, Rocky Head MBC, and Harris Temple COGIC which became their permanent place of worship. He remained a faithful member of Harris Temple until his health began to fail.

Ben was the contractor who remodeled the beautiful sanctuary of Harris Temple COGIC. He attended Mulberry Heights Colored School. After completing high school, Ben joined the Air Force. After his time spent in the Air Force he moved to New York and lived there until returning to Elba in April 2007.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby and Bill Frank Williams; brother, Thomas Edwin Williams; sister, Mae Kathryn Atcherson; and son, Christopher Williams.

Survivors include his six children: John Larry (Tina) Chism, Michael (Kenisha) Williams, Saundra (Mario) Bullard, Bridgett (Perry) Herbert, Anya (Terry) Campbell, and Stephon Williams; two sisters: Dr. Ruby H. Ellison and Evangelist Rosa L. Coleman; one brother: Deacon Robert Earl Williams; 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; along with a host of devoted nieces, nephews, family and friends.

ANDREXIA GREGORY
Mrs. Andrexia "Jojo" Gregory, age 29, of Elba, Ala., died peacefully recently surrounded by family and loved ones.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 1, 2021, at High Pointe Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Jojo was born April 4, 1992. She received a B.S. degree from Troy University in multimedia journalism. As a youth and teenager, she was a member of Abundant Life Church in Samson, Ala. She was a member of Powerhouse Youth Church praise and

dance. She later became a member of High Pointe Church. She served on the VIP/What's Next Team at High Pointe.

Jojo was preceded in death by her brother, Jordan McBride.

Survivors include her husband: Christian Gregory; her BFF: Trianna Reeves; her mother: Kimberly McBride; father: Kiki Fowlkes (Huntsville); two sisters: Kiana Fowlkes (Los Angeles), and Kendra Fowlkes (Huntsville); grandparents: Willie and Johnnie McBride (Elba); favorite aunt and uncle: Rosalyn and Rico Cooks; bonus siblings: Brosnan, Laken and Emanuelle Cooks; mother-in-law: Stephanie Gregory (Luverne); father-in-law: Christos Osborne (Letohatchee); brothers-in-law: AJ Thornton (Luverne) and Jordan and Kendal Osborne (Letohatchee); sister-in-law: Kelsi Osborne (Troy University); God children: Lauren Thompson, Trevon Bodiford and Karsyn Thompson; and countless other relatives and friends.

CAROLYN VIRGINIA MORGAN

Ms. Carolyn Virginia Morgan, age 71, of the Babbie Community, died

Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021, in Andalusia Hospital.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, from Babbie Baptist Church with burial following in the Babbie Cemetery. Bobby Morgan officiated.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Winnie Bell Hyde Morgan and James Faroe Morgan; and nephew, Donnie Morgan.

Survivors include her sister & brother-in-law: Linda Morgan Linton and Ricky; brothers and sisters-in-law: Billy Morgan and

Tina, and Bobby Morgan and Charlotte; and nephews: Cole Linton, Matthew Morgan and James Morgan.

DONNA ELLEN BULLARD

Mrs. Donna Ellen Bullard, age 66, a resident of Coffee Springs, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Ala., with Min. Greg Hanchey officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

The family requested memorials be made to a local humane society/shelter in memory of Donna.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bettye Adkinson Averette and Waylon Vaughan Adkinson.

Survivors include her husband: Tim Bullard, Coffee Springs, Ala.; son: LaDon Steven Daniels, Coffee Springs; step son: Chris Hodge (Julie), Enterprise; grandchildren: Peyton, Charli, Ella, and Brooks; brothers: Steve Adkinson (Charlotte), Elba, and Rick Adkinson, Enterprise.

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Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, from Babbie Baptist Church with burial following in the Babbie Cemetery. Bobby Morgan officiated.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Winnie Bell Hyde Morgan and James Faroe Morgan; and nephew, Donnie Morgan.

Survivors include her sister & brother-in-law: Linda Morgan Linton and Ricky; brothers and sisters-in-law: Billy Morgan and

Mildred Jacobs Brunson Enfinger, Gladys Jacobs Thompson Newton, and Maurice Jacobs Rue Harris.

Survivors include her sons: Michael Salter, Craig Salter, and Scott (Tanya) Salter, all of Tallahassee; brother: Dan C. Jacobs, Elba; cousin: Mahlon Mooney, Elba; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

RHODIE MAE COLEMAN COLE

Ms. Rhodie Mae Coleman Cole died recently and funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at Coleman Funeral Home Chapel.

She was born on June 6, 1948 in Coffee County to the late Rosa Lee Reeves and Colonial Coleman. She attended school in Elba, Ala. She was employed at Disney in Orlando, Fla. for over 30 years until she retired.

Rhodie was preceded in death by her parents: Rosa Lee Reeves and Colonial Coleman; siblings: Kathleen Coleman Williams, Lula Mae Coleman, Lonnie Mae Coleman Champion, Gussie Mae Coleman Neal, Waymon Coleman, Eloise Coleman Harron and Daniel Coleman.

Survivors include her sisters: Marylene Coleman Blue, and Juanita Coleman; brothers: Bishop Sarlie Coleman, Robert Coleman, Jerry Coleman, and Carnal Coleman (Sharon); and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

PATRICIA ANNE SALTER

Ms. Patricia Anne Salter, age 81, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021,

at her son's home in Tallahassee, Fla.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Min. Philip Box officiating.

She was preceded in death by her father - Bonnie Lee Jacobs; mother - Annie Thomas Jacobs; son - David Lee Salter; brother - Donald Jacobs; sisters

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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Paul Jackson, Pastor

Covenant Community Church
2667 Hickman Avenue, Elba, Alabama

Playing it safe isn't always safe!

Author Eileen Guder writes the following about our tendency to play it safe rather than living the life we really want by taking risks and going for it:

"You can live on bland food so as to avoid an ulcer; drink no tea or coffee or other stimulants in the name of health; go to bed early and stay away from night life; avoid all controversial subjects so as never to give offense; mind your own business and avoid involvement in other people's problems; spend money only on necessities and save all you can. You can still break your neck in the bathtub and it will serve you right."

Ouch! Does that hit a little too close to home?

I used to think that I could "manage" my life in such a way as to limit exposure to anything bad happening to me. I don't know where I got such an idea. But I discovered it didn't work. For one reason, there was this little issue of other people and what they did or did not do that seemed to always upset my safe and predictable world. If they would only do what I wanted them to do, I thought, how much better my world would be. But do you think they would?

Another problem I discovered with my play-it-safe mindset or "living on the downside", as I started calling it, is that it's not a very courageous or fun way to live life. Re-read that Guder quote. Honestly now, would you say that her words describe the kind of life that you have been dreaming about your entire life? Have you ever heard of someone who put off travel, a vacation, or something they really wanted to do in the name of prudence or timing or the calling of work or money (and the lack thereof) only to come down with cancer and die a month before they started drawing Social Security? It happens!

I discovered that "living on the downside" is going in the wrong direction (there's a reason it's called downside) and doesn't really have much of an upside. In fact, I found it to be a negative, fearful way to live life.

Jesus tells an amazing story in Matthew 25:14-30 of three men, each entrusted by his master with taking care of some of his property. One received five talents (a unit of money; one talent = 6000 denarii: 17+ years of wages. Wow!), the second received two talents, and the last one received one. And incidentally, each received the amount he did "according to his ability." And then the master went on a journey.

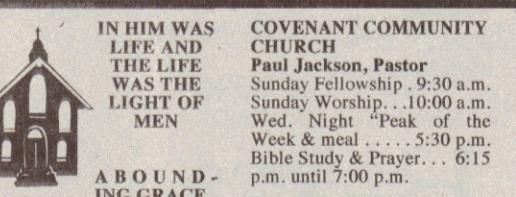
Read the full story. The men who received five and two talents put the money entrusted to them to use and each doubled his investment. Don't miss the point that there wasn't a certain quota that had to be met. Both received the same praise and reward when the master returned: "Well done good and faithful servant!" We are told that the one talent man, however, "went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money." In explaining his actions, he said, "...I was afraid and went and hid your talent in the ground." To put it mildly, the master was not pleased. Put another way, playing it safe was definitely not the safe thing to do for the one talent person.

The point of the story seems to be to use what we've been given. Engage. Go for it. Don't be fearful and make decisions based on negative, wrong-headed thinking. Be prudent and wise, for sure, but don't hold back. The only criterion seems to have been, "Be faithful to use what you've been given like the Master would."

Each of us has but one life to live. What are you doing with what you have been given? Are you going for it? Investing your life wisely? Or have you dug a hole and buried who you really are out of fear, thinking it better to just play it safe?

The late cartoonist Charles Schulz, creator of the comic strip Peanuts, put it this way: "Life is like a ten speed bicycle; most of us have gears we never use."

Remember: Playing it safe isn't always safe!



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Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

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CHURCH SAMSON, Alie
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Harry Biggers, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Philip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF PROPHECY
H. L. Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
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EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overshoots - Bill Berry
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

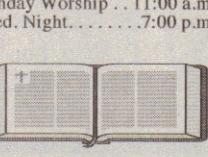
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W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

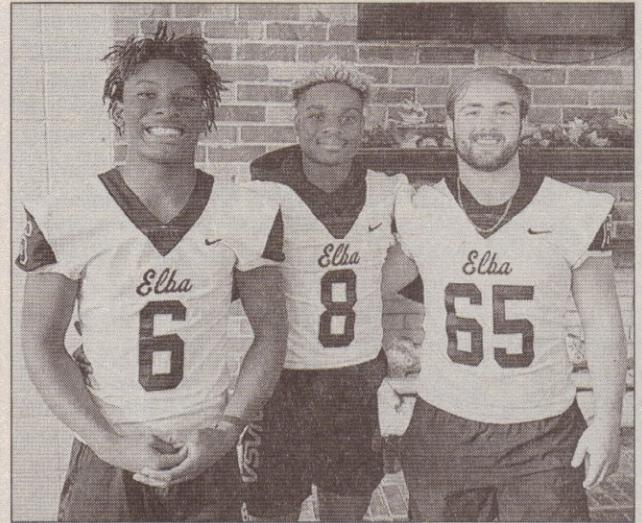
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Steve Reneau, Pastor
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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Lovel Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
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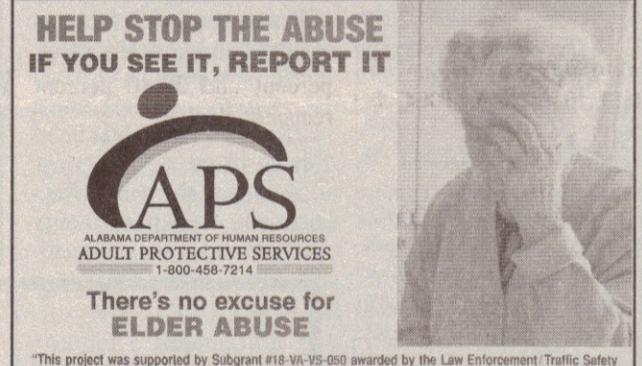
CHURCH & LOCAL NEWS



ELBA QB CLUB PLAYERS OF WEEK...Elba football Coach Marc Sieving recognized three players Friday, Oct. 1, at the Elba Quarterback Club's weekly "Game Day" lunch meeting – two were recognized as "Players of the Week" from their performance in the Providence Christian game while the third player was recognized for his output during practice last week as the Tigers prepared to take on Geneva County in a key region game. Alvin Henderson (left) was recognized for the work he put in at practice last week. Coach Sieving said he and the other coaches had challenged Henderson to be their "#4" last week and help get the Tigers defense ready for Geneva County, and he said Henderson really stood out in practice. J T Coleman (center) was named the Offensive Player of the Week for his play in the Providence Christian game. Coach Sieving said Coleman had some really great runs in that game leading the offense as he touched the ball 17 times on offense going 170 yards and scoring two touchdowns. Collin Sauls (right) was named the Defensive Player of the Week for his performance against Providence Christian. Coach Sieving said Sauls was moved from defensive end to linebacker this year for the Tigers, and he had really made some strides as the season progressed. He noted Sauls accounted for six tackles in the Providence Christian game, which helped in allowing only 6 points to be scored by the Providence team in the game.

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Round and About

With Eria's Daughter



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Scripture: Trust in God concerning the treachery of friends. Psalm 55: 1-10

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Emmanuel Staldworth, Mavis E. Kelley, The Homeless, Nursing Home Patients, Mary Sue Dawson, Mary Janelle Kelley, Bobby Ordron, Dea. J.L. Williams, All Non-Believers, Brandon/Eliza Nelson Kelley, Myron K. Duncan

October Birthdays / Anniversaries

Jeanette Tillis 10/20
Tonya Y. Smith 10/21
C.J. Arnold 10/21
Anissa M. Tillis 10/21
Janson Gulley 10/22
Neoma Smith 10/22 (in memory)

Billy Faye Scott Key 10/23
Kayla Harrison 10/26
Sherri Belcher 10/26
Allie G. Henderson 10/26 (in memory)

Stefan Caldwell 10/26
Erma Smith McNeal 10/27
Quinton D. Smith 10/31

October Birthdays / Anniversaries

Garry Winstead, Timmy Williams, Sunday School, Morn. Worship, 2nd & 4th Sundays

Thought to Remember

A true Christian would be Christ Like

Questions for the Week of 10/14/21

Multiple Choice

Q: What object was said to contain the covenant that the Lord made with the Israelites? (the Tabernacle) (the Ark) (the Temple)

A: False [Mark 6:5]

Q: Jesus said that those who have seen Him have seen the Father.

A: True [John. 14:9]

Listen Carefully

I was in my truck listening to a new CD when I noticed a strange percussive instrument. The beat was out of place. The doink sound was annoying and didn't work well with the hymn "Whisper a Prayer." The song ended, but when "Morning Has Broken" started playing, there was that percussive beat again!

I turned up the music, and the misplaced beat faded. I drove home with the radio at full volume, no doink to be heard. But, when I pulled into my driveway and turned the radio down, the sound returned! Then I saw the seat belt warning light flashing.

If I had fastened my seat belt, the percussive warning would have ended. I had ignored a warning that I was in danger. Like Zedekiah, I looked for

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Spencer, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service: 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH

David Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON

Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE

Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH

Tommy Green, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME BAPTIST CHURCH

James Stark Jr., Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
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LIFESTYLES



SUNFLOWER QUEENS...The Miss Sunflower Pageants were held last month, in conjunction with the annual Jack Day Festival - sponsored by the Atrusa Internation of Jack organization. Those crowned "Sunflower Queen" included: (front, l to r) Lily Kate Roberts, Little Miss Sunflower; Emily Flowers, Baby Miss Sunflower, Rachael Laramore, Tiny Miss Sunflower; and Riley Grant, Petite Miss Sunflowers; (back, l to r) Ashleigh Adkinson, Teen Miss Sunflower; and Adalyne Adkinson, Junior Miss Sunflower. These queens were recognized and reigned over the Jack Day festivities held last Saturday, Oct. 2, in the Jack community.

Additional Scenes from last Saturday's Jack Day Festival...



The October meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, will be Thursday Oct. 28, at 6 p.m., in the New Brockton Senior Center. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish. All active-duty military and veterans are invited.

New Hope Senior Center taking applications for new participants

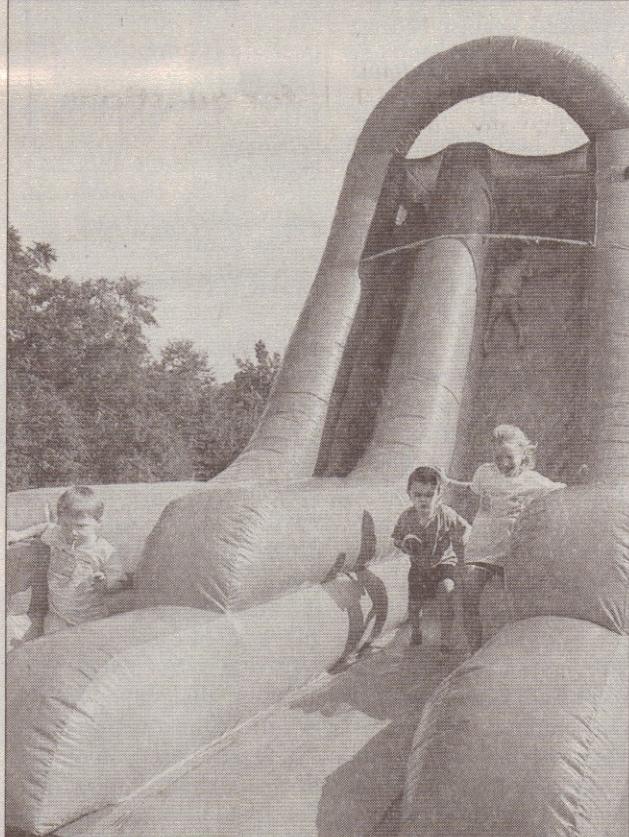
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crease of 37 in a month. Since the start of this current wave at the beginning of July, we have added 54 total deaths so far."

Cases do seem to be dropping, however.

Brown said Alabama is averaging about 1,000 new cases per day, according to the ADPH NAAT test numbers. He said that is a drop of more than 800 per day from the Sept. 20th report from his office.

As for Coffee County, Brown said the ADPH Data and Surveillance dashboard was showing 66 positive NAAT tests in a seven-day period [or a little over nine per day] compared to 101 cases in a seven-day period on Sept. 20th.

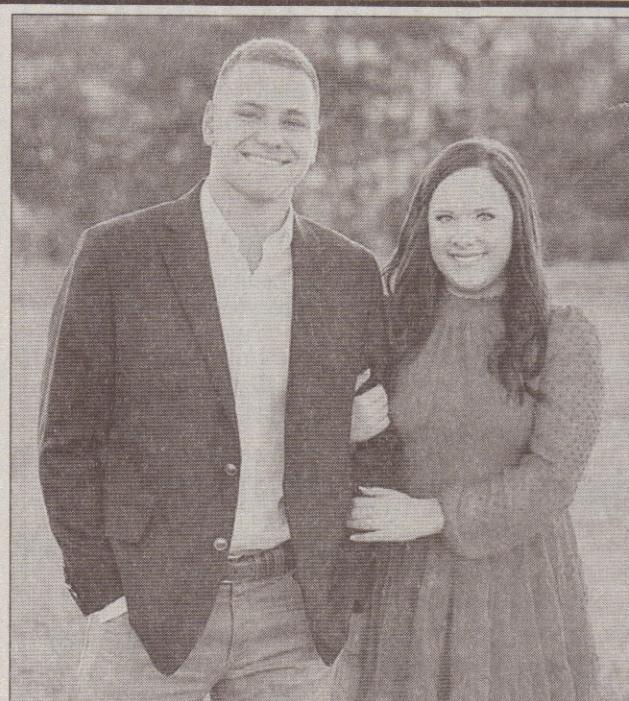
"We continue to concentrate our planning based on positivity rate, which gives us an idea of community transmission," Brown said. "We have seen a slight decline in this rate as well. Our current positivity rate for Coffee County is 16.4 percent - that is down from 17.2 percent at last report."

He said, however, officials would like to see the positivity rate number below 5 percent.

As of the Oct. 1st report, Brown said 52.7 percent of the eligible population in Alabama had received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine while 42.6 percent had been fully vaccinated.

"Our vaccination rates in Coffee County seem to have also gone up again," he said. "We have 39.2 percent completing at least on dose and 32.2 percent completing their series. Last report, these numbers were 38.23 percent and 30.80 percent respectively."

Moving forward, he said the message remains the same...social distance, wear masks, sanitize, and get vaccinated.



Blake Austin Cardwell & Sommer Brooke Lobmiller

Lobmiller-Cardwell wedding planned for Saturday, Oct. 16, in Akron, Ala.

James "Skip" Lobmiller and Kori Jenkins Dennis, both of Prattville, Alabama, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sommer Brooke Lobmiller, of Hope Hull, Alabama, to Blake Austin Cardwell, also of Hope Hull, Alabama, the son of Samuel and Alicia Koone of Enterprise, Alabama, and Steve and Tammy Cardwell of Montgomery, Alabama.

The bride-elect is a 2014 graduate of Prattville High School and a 2021 graduate of the Jefferson State Community College Physical Therapist Program with an Associate's degree of applied science. She is currently employed as a PTA at Rehab Select at Hillview Terrace.

The future groom is a 2016 graduate of Zion Chapel High School, and he attended Trenholm State Technical College to obtain a degree in industrial maintenance. He is currently employed as a maintenance group leader in the welding department with Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, October 16, 2021, at The Chapel at the Farm in Akron, Alabama, beginning at 5:30 in the evening.

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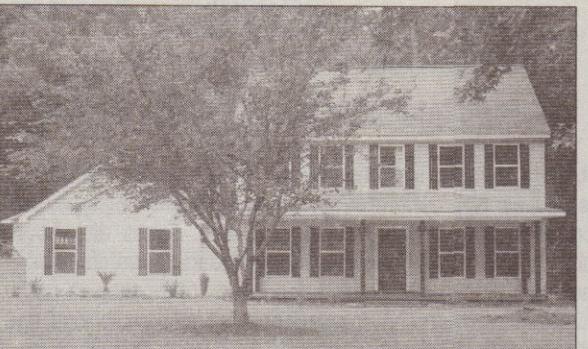
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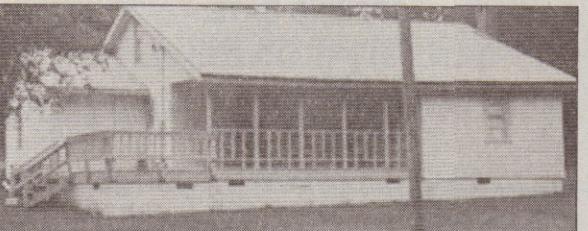
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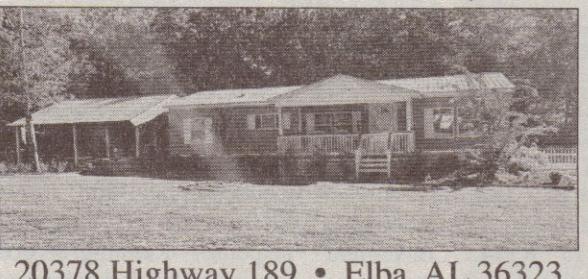
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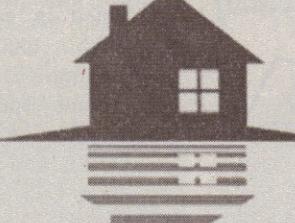
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Alabama as required by Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended. Only bids of such contractors who are duly licensed will be considered. Current license number must be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid WILL NOT be accepted.

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A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and an acceptable surety company in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC 2021-075

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

BILLY MALCOMB PARKER Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters Testamentary were granted the 21st day of September, 2021, to Christina Walker Parker as Administratrix of the Estate of Billy Malcomb Parker, deceased, who departed this life on the 9th day of September, 2021, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO.: PC 2021-080

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WADE STINSON Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters Testamentary, having been granted to the undersigned as Personal Representative of the Estate of Wade Stinson, deceased, on the 4th day of October, 2021, by Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC 2021-074

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters of Administration having been granted to Joseph Grogg, as Administrator of the Estate of Kenneth Dale Grogg, deceased, on the 23rd day of June, 2021, by Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson joined his Mom and his Nanny for one last trip to the beach last weekend and from the looks of the pictures had a good time splashing in the water and kicking sand on his fellow travelers. I'm sure the trip was more his Mom's idea than his, but Lawson does love the beach and will never pass up the chance to head down to the gulf.

For what it is worth....

***** The Elba Tigers kept their region title hopes alive** last week with a big 47-7 road win over Geneva County that improved the Tigers record to 6-1, 3-1 in region play. The Tigers offense ran up and down the field against a Geneva County defense that packed the line of scrimmage in an attempt to stop the run-happy Tigers, but once Elba's speedy backs broke through the line it was off to the races. The Elba defense had another big night with four turnovers, and came up with big plays at just the right time to keep their opponents out of the endzone. The only drawback in the win was the fact the Tigers were flagged 16 times for over 150 yards and had three touchdowns called back due to penalties. I too had my doubts about some of the flags, but if the officials are going to throw the flags it is the job of the Elba coaches and players to figure out just what is going on and make sure it stops. Hey, it was a big region win on the road and one that keeps the Tigers in the hunt for the region title.

***** It was a so-so week for teams in the area** as Kinston and Brantley posted wins and New Brockton and Zion Chapel both dropped region battles. Here's a quick look back....

**** Kinston rallied from a 14-point deficit** to run down the Flora Wildcats 35-20 to give their playoff hopes a shot in the arm. The Bulldogs were down early and many thought they were in trouble, but they simply turned to the running game behind the physical offensive line and ran down the Wildcats to move into second place in the region standings.

**** Brantley showed it was much more** than just a one-man show as the Bulldogs rolled over Samson 46-18 in a game in which all-state quarterback Tucker Kilcrease made an early exit due to an injury. The loss of the standout quarterback was felt, but the Bulldogs simply pulled out the next standout quarterback in line and kept on rolling.

**** New Brockton saw its playoff hopes** all but end with a 35-7 region loss to Slocomb, in a game that saw the Gamecocks throw eight pass interceptions. The Gamecocks had high hopes after last week's win to knock off the Red Tops and move up in the region standings, but the loss was the third for 'Brockton this season in the region and may be the straw that breaks its post-season hopes.

**** Zion Chapel never really had a chance** in a 49-0 loss to region power G.W. Long and is now just trying to improve and ignore the scoreboard as the Rebels begin the homestretch of the season. The Rebels never quit and never back down, but this season simply don't have the horses to run with the top teams in a talent-rich region.

***** The seventh week of the high school football season** is in the books and it was yet another wild week of action all across the state. A few notes worth mentioning are that 7A Thompson has now won 25 straight games and this season has outscored its victims 359-9; 3A Montgomery Catholic has already posted five shutouts and has outscored its victims 349-13; Fyffe has now won 50 straight games; Columbius has now lost 59 straight games; and Brindlee Mountain has now lost 54 straight region games. Now on to the week that was....

**** Class 1A** - Top-ranked Brantley outscored Samson 46-18 and #2 Sweet Water rolled over Southern Choctaw 48-6, while #9 Loachapoka fell hard to Notasulga 32-12. Closer to home, McKenzie clobbered Pleasant Home 40-6 and Red Level sneaked past Georgiana 22-14.

**** Class 2A** - #1 Clarke County embarrassed Washington County 74-0 and #2 Lanett rolled past Vincent 47-6, while #6 Falkville lost to Section 21-6, #9 Southeastern lost to Cleveland 49-0 and #10 Colbert County lost to Mars Hill 25-20. Closer to home, Ariton pounded Abbeville 49-6, Cottonwood outscored Houston County 36-22 and Luverne humbled Calhoun 45-0.

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**** Class 3A** - Top-ranked Fyffe blasted Plainview 45-19 and #2 Piedmont was knocked off by Ohatchee 28-24, while #4 Flomaton was upset by Bayside 28-21 and #8 Plainview lost to top-ranked Fyffe. Closer to home, Goshen remained winless with a 60-0 loss to Dadeville, Pike County remained winless with a 63-0 loss to Montgomery Catholic, and Opp hammered Providence Christian 41-18 to stay on a roll.

**** Class 4A** - Top-ranked Handley snuck past Jacksonville 35-20 and #2 Madison Academy rolled over Randolph 42-16, while #5 Williamson lost to Jackson 30-12, #7 West Limestone lost to Brooks 27-20 and #8 Central Florence lost to West Morgan 27-24. Closer to home, Ashford fell hard to Alabama Christian 55-16, Dale County knocked off Bullock County 33-12 and Geneva handled Straughn 34-21.

**** Class 5A** - Top-ranked Pike Road clobbered winless Charles Henderson 60-6 and #2 Pleasant Grove barely got past Fairfield 27-25, while #9 Faith fell to UMS-Wright 34-26. Closer to home, Andalusia coasted past Headland 41-2 and Greenville spanked Rehobeth 40-14.

**** Class 6A** - Top-ranked Spanish Fort was upset by Saraland 28-16 and #2 Clay-Chalkville rolled over Jackson-Olin 46-14, while closer to home Eufaula blanked Valley 33-0 to end a skid and Robert E. Lee clubbed Carver 33-16.

**** Class 7A** - Top-ranked Thompson continued to roll with a 49-7 win over Vestavia Hills and #2 Hoover dumped Hewitt-Trussville 34-10, while #3 Auburn lost to Central Phenix City 21-7 and #9 Enterprise missed a late field goal in a 17-16 loss to Prattville. Closer to home, Dothan picked up a rare win with a 29-15 victory over SA Carroll.

***** Before we leave the high school news**, a look at the region standings involving area teams showed many area fans can make plans to hang around after the regular season draws to a close. In Class 2A, Region 3, Ariton sits atop the standings with a 4-0 slate, followed closely by Elba and G.W. Long at 3-1. It looks like Geneva County has locked down the #4 seed despite some late-season losses. In Class 1A, Area 1, the Brantley Bulldogs are headed for another region crown, while in somewhat of a surprise Kinston and Samson are both 3-1 and also appear to be in the post-season party, while Red Level, Floral and McKenzie appear to be battling for the #4 seed. Up in Class 3A, Area 2, Opp stands 4-0 and Wicksburg stands at 3-0 and appear to be the clear cut favorites, while Houston Academy and Slocomb are in a fight for the bottom two seeds.

***** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator** said the referees over in Hartford last week had more flags than the Elba band and then just shook his head about the Tigers having touchdown runs nullified on consecutive plays. Oh well, that's life on the road! The local guesspert hit on 33 of his 37 picks last week and left this week's fearless forecast. Here goes....

ELBA VS. ABBEVILLE

The Pea River felines will be back home this week and will be trying to avoid being stung by a mess of yellow jackets that will be hiding somewhere near the field. The felines may get stung a time or two, but not enough to make a big difference as they roll along.

ELBA 45 ABBEVILLE 16

NEW BROCKTON VS. NORTHSIDE METHODIST

The roosters from over near the four-lane had all kind of

problems last week and are now playing for pride as they head back to the roost for a match-up against some men in armor from over near the circle city. While the roosters should win this one without much trouble, it will depend on just how bad they really want it.

NEW BROCKTON 35 NORTHSIDE METHODIST 20

ZION CHAPEL VS. ARITON

The troops from up at Fort Jack will be out hunting for a litter of funny colored kitties late in the afternoon on Friday and have hopes to make some fur jackets for the winter. These kitties may not be too hard to find, but won't be in any mood to give up any fur.

ARITON 45 ZION CHAPEL 0

KINSTON VS. MCKENZIE

The bulldogs from own near the county line will hitch-hike up the road this weekend looking to wrap up a playoff berth, but will find the going a little tough as a litter of kitties hang out near the campgrounds where they plan to stop. It will be a four quarter battle, but in the end the guess here is the 'dogs survive.

KINSTON 28 MCKENZIE 26

BRANTLEY VS. GEORGIANA

The bulldogs from up across the river will be back at the pound hosting a litter of kitties that haven't eaten for a couple of weeks. The 'dogs may throw the kitties some leftovers after the game, but only enough to make the trip back home.

BRANTLEY 48 GEORGIANA 0

OTHER PICKS:

Eufaula 31 Carver 14
Charles Henderson 26 Rehobeth 17
Floral 22 Pleasant Home 16
Samson 33 Red Level 7
Sweet Water 49 McIntosh 8
Clarke County 56 Blacksher 8
Leroy 27 St. Luke's 24
Orange Beach 42 Washington County 6
G.W. Long 34 Cottonwood 7
Geneva County 41 Houston County 14
Isabella 40 Calhoun 0
Luverne 48 Francis Marion 0
Bayside 38 Cottage Hill 3
T.R. Miller 24 Hillcrest 21
Slocomb 55 Daleville 8
Opp 28 Wicksburg 24
Houston Academy 31 Providence Christian 17
Pike County 18 Goshen 12
Catholic 49 Childersburg 6
Jackson 42 W.S. Neal 0
Alabama Christian 35 Geneva 21
Bullock County 22 Ashford 20
St. James 27 Dale County 17
Straughn 28 B.T. Washington 14
St. Paul's 34 B.C. Rain 7
UMS-Wright 38 Satsuma 0
Andalusia 27 Crestview 21
Greenville 27 Carroll 14
Pike Road 62 Headland 0
Opelika 35 R.E. Lee 16
Central PC 21 Prattville 10
Dothan 29 Jeff Davis 14
Enterprise 56 Smiths Station 0

Tigers host Abbeville in must win region clash

The Elba Tigers will continue their late-season run toward a region title on Friday night when they return home to host the Abbeville Yellow Jackets, at Tiger Stadium.

Elba leads the all-time series 7-3-1, but lost last year in a shootout 48-42.

"Abbeville lost a lot of players off last year's state runner-up team," stated Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving, "but still has a lot of very talented players on its roster and is still a very dangerous opponent. They are good at what they do and force their opponents to step up and play to a high level. I know their record isn't very impressive, but three of their losses were to 5A Headland, Geneva County and Ariton. This is a team that has the potential to defeat any team on its schedule on any given night, and we have to make

sure this isn't the week they wake up and put it all together."

Elba will bring a 6-1 record into the contest, 3-1 in region play, with wins over Daleville 41-14, Opp 33-28, Zion Chapel 48-12, Cottonwood 54-24, Providence Christian 27-6 and Geneva County 47-7, and a lone loss to G.W. Long 35-16. Abbeville will carry a 1-4 record into the region clash with a win over Zion Chapel 48-18 and losses to Headland 13-6, Cottonwood 57-24, Geneva County 49-6 and Ariton 49-6.

"Last week's win over Geneva County was a big road win and kept our goals in place," said Sieving. "We had a lot of players step up and make big plays on both sides of the ball, but we made way too many mistakes and were penalized sixteen

times that resulted in three scores being nullified. We have to clean that up if we are going to win against

quality opponents, and we will get right back to work to prevent that from happening again."

Elba Mini Mites move to 2-0 early in season for Pea River League football

The Pea River League youth football season continued last Saturday, Oct. 2, with all three age divisions [Mini Mite, Termite, and Pee Wee] in action.

Elba hosted Goshen at Tiger Stadium for 'week two' action. Only the Mini Mite Tigers added a win for the Elba teams.

The Elba Mini Mites moved to 2-0 on the young season with a 34-2 win over Goshen, which now has an 0-2 record. The Elba Termite team moved to 1-1 on the season after suffering a 36-0 loss to Goshen last weekend [Goshen moved to 2-0 overall], and the Elba Pee Wee team is still looking for its first win of the 2021 season after falling 22-0 to Goshen [1-1 record].

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SPORTS NEWS

With 47-7 win

Tigers spoil Geneva County homecoming

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers continued their run toward a region title Friday night with a big 47-7 win over the Geneva County Bulldogs, at Dixie Howell Stadium, in Hartford.

Elba wasted little time taking command in the key region clash as the Tigers received the game's opening kickoff and went 47 yards in four plays to get on the scoreboard. Alvin Henderson capped the scoring drive with a 35-yard touchdown run, and Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point as Elba grabbed a 7-0 lead with 10:35 remaining in the first quarter.

The Tigers were forced to punt on their second series, but regained possession at the Geneva County 28-yardline on a fumble recovery by Trent Hamilton and from there needed four plays to cash in the turnover. Henderson gained 22 yards on two carries to move the ball within the shadows of the goal post, while the touchdown came when Kyle Smith recovered a fumble in the endzone after an Elba runner fumbled just before crossing the goal line. Wisecup added the extra-point, and with 11:50 left in the second quarter the Tigers were on top 14-0.

Geneva County began its ensuing possession at its own 41-yardline and brought its homecoming crowd to their feet as the Bulldogs marched 59 yards in nine plays to get on the scoreboard. A 16-yard gain on a screen pass from Jackson Stewart to Jose Martinez was a key play in the scoring drive, and it was Martinez that capped the drive with a 4-yard touchdown dash. Hunter Adams kicked the extra-point as Geneva County pulled within 14-7 with 6:42 left in the quarter.

Elba began its ensuing possession near midfield and this time needed only one play to add to its lead as on first down Chrystyle Caldwell took a direct snap and rambled 49 yards for a score. Wisecup added the extra-point as the Tigers lead grew to 21-7 with 6:25 remaining on the clock.

The Elba defense stopped a Geneva County scoring threat at the Tigers 17-yardline late in the half on a pass interception by Peyton McCart, and the Tigers promptly went 83 yards in seven plays to open up a three touchdown advantage. A 21-yard run by Chrystyle Caldwell was a key play on the long scoring drive, while the score came on a winding 50-yard spring by Alvin Henderson. Wisecup's extra-point split the upright and with 29-seconds left in the half Elba was in charge with a 28-7 lead.

Elba failed to overcome twenty yards in penalties on its initial possession of the third quarter, but regained possession at the Geneva County 35-yardline after Peyton McCart's second interception of the game, and cashed in the turnover to extend its lead. Alvin Henderson had consecutive runs of 35 and 39 yards for touchdowns wiped off the scoreboard by penalty flags, but the Tigers kept plugging away at the Bulldog defense and finally got back in the endzone when on fourth down Henderson broke tackle and scored on a 32-yard dash. Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point as Elba's lead grew to 35-7 with 2:02 remaining in the third quarter.

Elba got a break when what appeared to be a long touchdown run by Jackson Stewart turned into a touchback when the Bulldog quarterback fumbled the ball at the five-yardline and then kicked the loose ball out of the endzone, and once again the Tigers turned a Bulldog bobble into points as they went 80 yards in five plays to cash in the turnover.

Brayden Johnson rushed for 31 yards on two carries to help lead the Tigers down the field, while the score came on a 48-yard touchdown toss from Johnson to Byron Burks. A low snap foiled the extra-point try, but with 10:00 left in the fourth quarter Elba's lead had ballooned to 41-7.

The Tigers final possession of the night began at their own 45-yardline after a Bulldog punt, and it took the Tigers one play to put more points on the scoreboard as on first down Byron Burks took a handoff and raced untouched 55 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with 3:56 remaining on the clock Elba had put the finishing touches on the big 47-7 region road win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 182 yards and 3 touchdowns on 11 carries to lead the Elba offense, while Byron Burks rushed for 89 yards on 4 carries and caught a 48-yard touchdown pass. Chrystyle Caldwell rushed for 76 yards and one TD on three carries, and JT Coleman rushed for 65 yards on nine carries. Brayden Johnson completed 2 of 5 passes for 49 yards, with Burks pulling in a 48-yard TD toss.

Chrystyle Caldwell had 10 tackles to pace the Tigers defense, while Peyton McCart added 7 stops and two pass interceptions, and Trent Hamilton added 4 stops and a fumble recovery.

Jose Martinez rushed for 63 yards and one touchdown on 13 carries and caught one pass for 16 yards to lead the Bulldogs, while Ken'li Preyer added 42 yards on seven carries and David Payne caught three passes for 32 yards.

The yardstick....

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15	Rushes-Yds.	27-122
32-443	Passing Yds.	48
49	Total Offense	170
492	Passes	4-9-2
2-5-0	Fumbles/Lost	2/2
3/0	Punts-Ave.	2-31
2-26	Penalties-Yds.	6-40
16-155		

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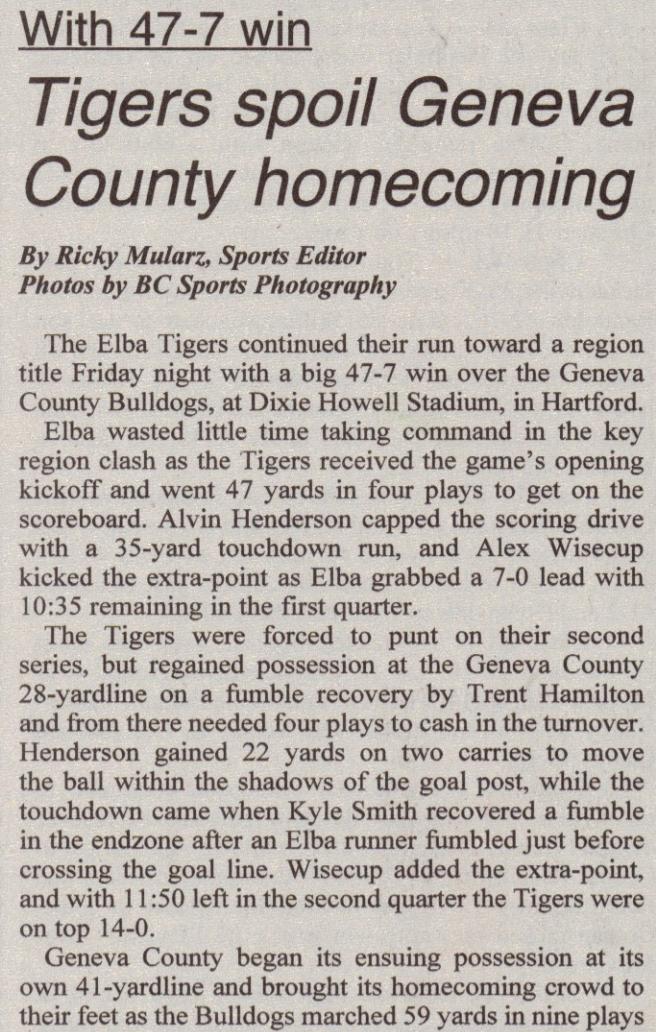
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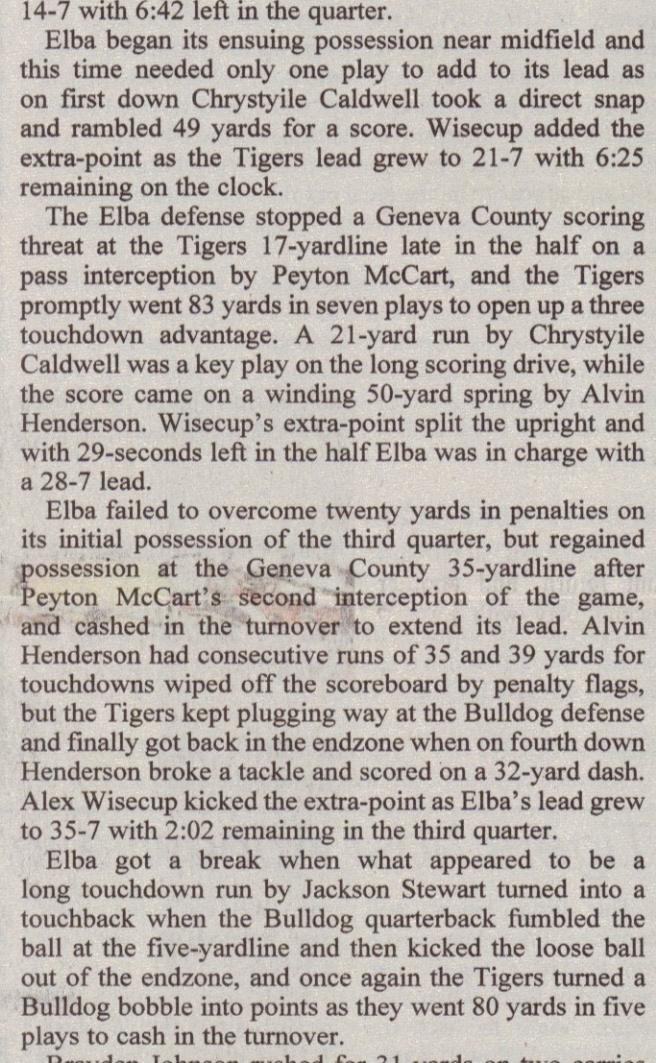
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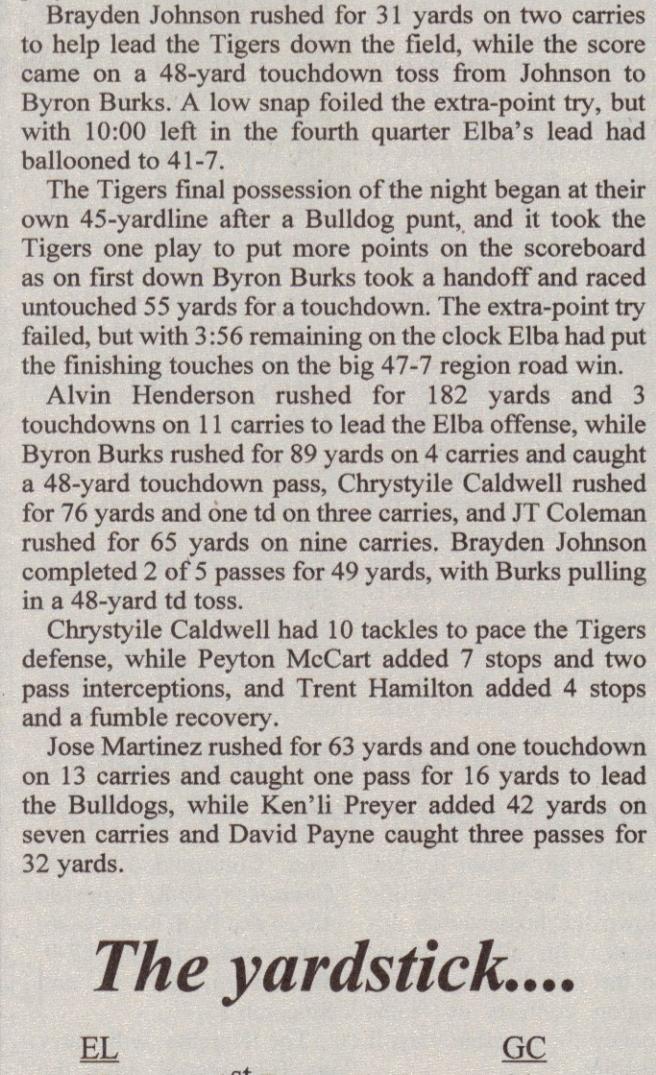
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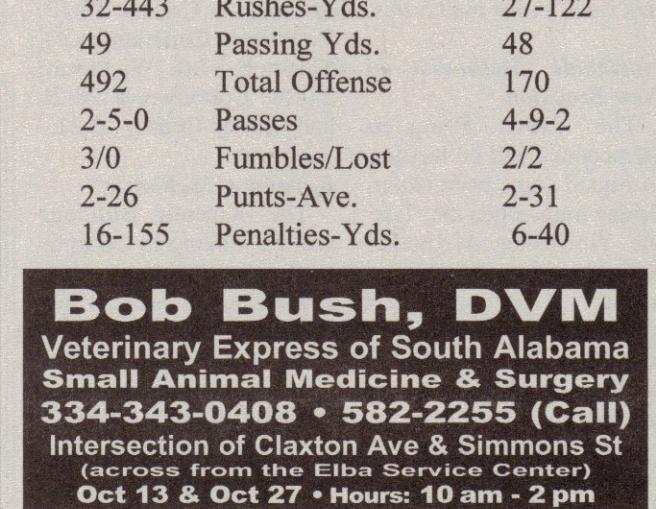
Elba Tiger Peyton McCart (1) goes high for an interception in last week's 47-7 region win over Geneva County. McCart had two interceptions in the big region road win.



Elba Tiger Kyle Smith (56) signals touchdown after recovering a fumble in the endzone for a first half score in last week's 47-7 win.

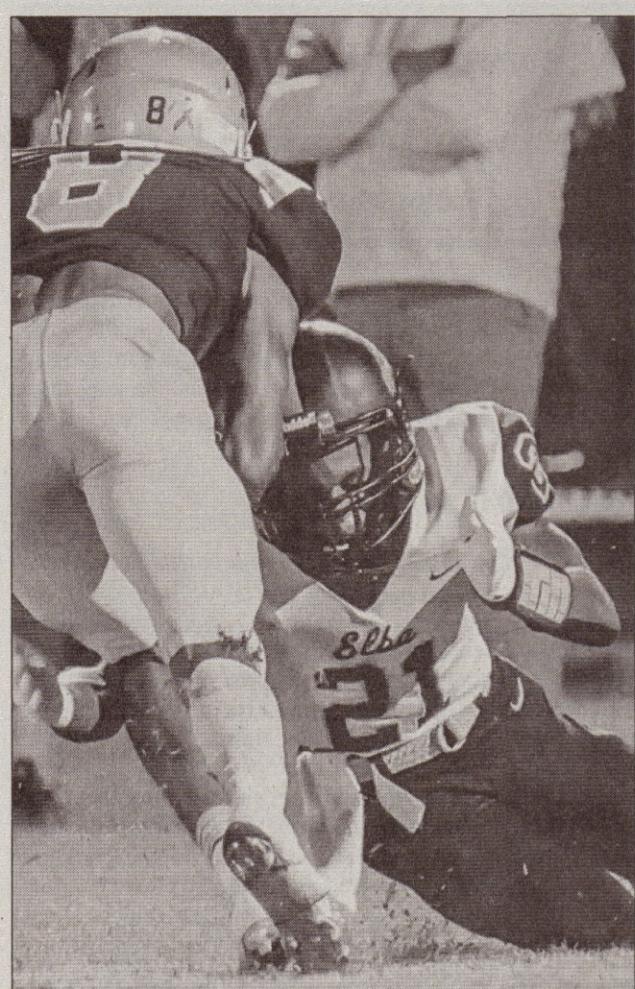


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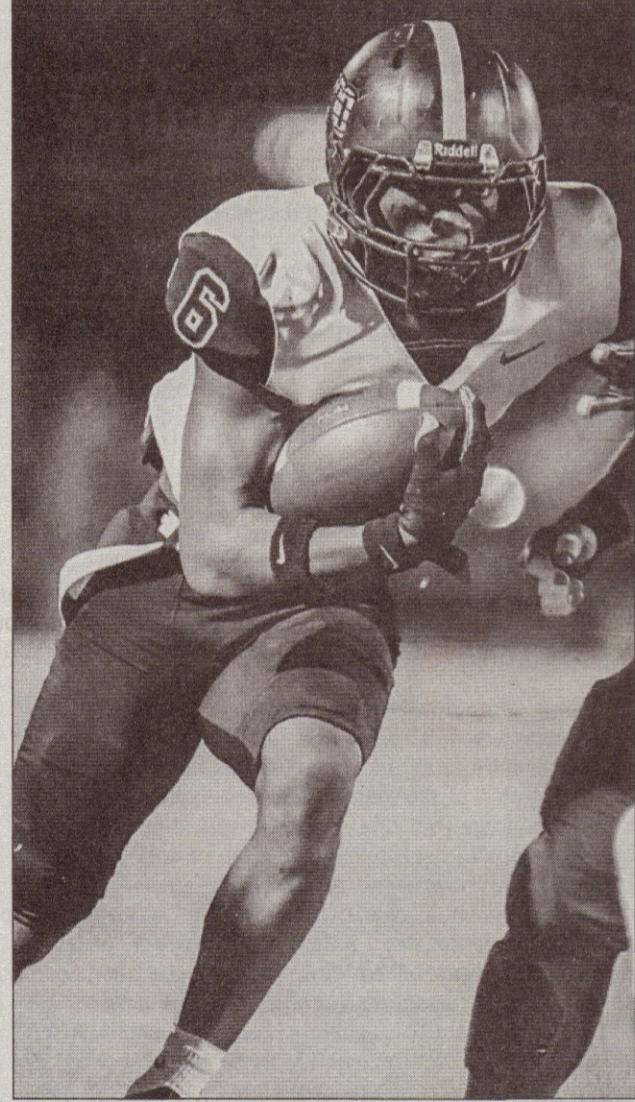


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Elba Tiger Trent Hamilton (21) goes low to make the stop on a Geneva County runner. The Tigers will host Abbeville Friday night in a key region contest on Mack Wood Field.



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (6) is off and running. Henderson rushed for 182 yards and 3 touchdowns in last week's 47-7 region road win at Geneva County.

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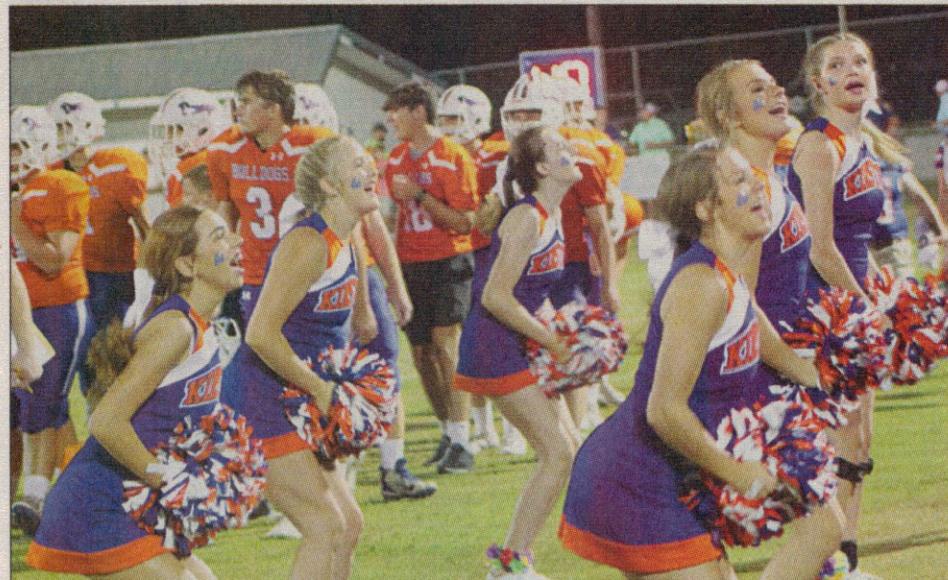
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Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders had plenty to cheer about last week as the Bulldogs rallied for a 35-20 region win over Florala.

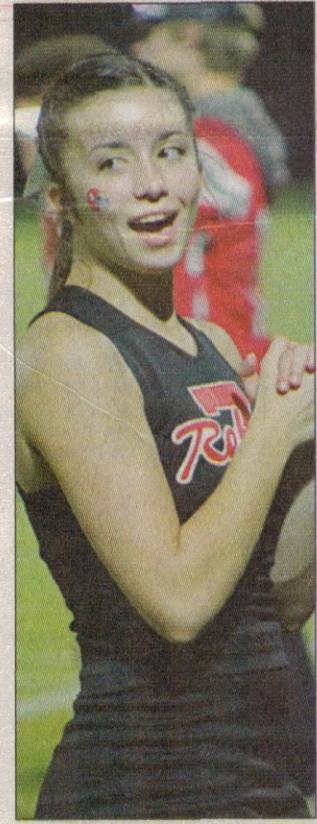


Kinston Bulldogs head to the sideline for a timeout in recent high school football action. Kinston will travel to McKenzie Friday night for an important region clash.

Fall 49-0 in region matchup

A 'Long' night for the Rebels

Story and Photos by Linda Hodge, Editor



A Zion Chapel Rebels cheerleader keeps the fans fired up.

In a gridiron battle of the Rebels, Zion Chapel hosted GW Long last Thursday night, Sept. 30, at Green Memorial Stadium in Jack, Ala.

A large crowd was on hand for the region contest.

Zion Chapel's offense was able to move the ball on some big plays in the first half, but never was able to find paydirt against a stingy GW Long defense. Turnovers also plagued the home team throughout the night.

"Overall, I thought our team made some plays early on," Zion Chapel Head Coach Randy Bryant said. "There were some bright spots."

GW Long had no trouble finding the endzone in the first quarter as the visiting Rebels scored five times to jump out to 42-0.

The final score of the half came just past the halfway point in the second quarter on a big pass play for GW Long. The extra point attempt again was good, making the score 42-0.

The 49-0 halftime score would hold up to be the final score for the night.

Neither team managed to find paydirt in the second half, which was shortened to 6-minute quarters with a continuously running clock. The second half action also was marred with turnovers by both teams.

"We must clean up some of our mistakes to be competitive in games against teams like GW Long," Coach Bryant said. "This is a tough region, and we need to make mistakes free."

The loss moved Zion Chapel's season record to 0-6. Next up, the Rebels will host Ariton on Friday, Oct. 8, at Green Memorial Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.



Zion Chapel Rebel Mason Stuart (11) passes downfield in last week's region loss at home to G.W. Long.

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The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to pull off the upset of the season on Friday night at Green Memorial Stadium when they host the Ariton Purple Cats, in a key region clash.

Ariton leads the all-time series 40-12 and has won four straight meetings, including a 35-0 win last season.

The Rebels will enter the game with an 0-6 record after losses to Kinston 20-12, Abbeville 48-18, Elba 48-12, Houston County

28-18, Samson 35-20 and G.W. Long 49-0.

The Purple Cats will carry a perfect 7-0 record into the contest with wins over Dale County 38-27, Goshen 49-0, Houston County 49-0, Geneva County 42-0, G.W. Long 27-21, Slocomb 38-28 and Abbeville 49-6.

The Bulldogs will enter the game with a 5-2 record after wins over Zion Chapel 20-12, Red Level 27-6, Georgiana 10-6, Barbour County 74-0 and Florala 35-20, and losses to Houston Academy 42-19 and Brantley 34-0.

The Tigers will bring a 3-3 record into the contest with wins over Marengo 41-24, J.F. Shields 40-0 and Pleasant Home 40-6, and losses to Red Level 34-24, Brantley 1-0 (forfeit) and Samson 36-28.

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Kinston rally cages 'Cats 35-20

Statistics by Dickie Adcock

File photos by Linda Hodge

The Kinston Bulldogs took a giant step toward locking down a playoff berth Friday night with an exciting 35-20 region win over the Florala Wildcats, in Flora.

The Kinston defense rose up and stopped an early Florala scoring threat at the Bulldogs 11-yardline, but the Wildcats regained possession near midfield after a Kinston punt and this time went 51 yards in eight plays to get on the scoreboard. A 20-yard pass from Rayshon Coleman to Austin Howell was a key play in the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 20-yard touchdown toss from Howell to Elijah McMeans. Dalton Jackson kicked the extra-point, and with 3:15 left in the first quarter the Wildcats were on top 7-0.

Florala began its next series at its own 13-yardline after a Bulldog punt and this time needed only one play to reach paydirt as Austin Howell broke loose and rammed 87 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point by Jackson was true, and with 55-seconds remaining in the quarter the Wildcats were on top 14-0.

Kinston's Blake Senn returned the ensuing kickoff 55 yards to set the Bulldogs up at the Florala 11-yardline, and on the

first play of the possession Jeb Crosby got the call and scored on an 11-yard dash to put the Bulldogs on the scoreboard. John Free kicked the extra-point as Kinston cut the Florala lead to 14-7 with 40-seconds remaining in the opening quarter.

Florala padded its lead to 20-7 with 5:19 left in the second quarter when Austin Howell returned a pass interception 53 yards for a Wildcat touchdown, but the Bulldogs battled back and went 49 yards in three running plays to cut into the deficit. Jeb Crosby got the call on all three plays, and capped the scoring march with a 35-yard run. Free added the extra-point as Kinston cut the 'Cats lead to 20-14 with 4:15 left in the half.

Kinston received the second half kickoff and promptly marched 67 yards in eight running plays to grab its first lead of the game. Jeb Crosby rushed for 46 yards on six carries and scored the Bulldogs touchdown on a one-yard sneak, and John Free added the extra-point as Kinston went on top 21-20 with 7:54 remaining in the third quarter.

Jeb Crosby rushed for 231 yards and 4 touchdowns on 33 carries to spark the Kinston offense, while Blake Senn picked off two Florala passes and Drew Conner returned an interception for a Bulldog touchdown.



Zion Chapel High School Band performed at halftime at last week's region game between the Rebels and G.W. Long.

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the McKenzie Tigers.

McKenzie leads the all-time series 15-10 and snapped a three-game losing streak in the series last season with a 34-12 win.

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Brantley Bulldogs stop Samson 46-18

From combined reports
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs celebrated homecoming and grabbed sole possession of first place in the region standings Friday night with a solid 46-18 region win over the Samson Tigers, in front of a large and loud crowd at David Lowery Stadium.

Samson put up a fight in the battle of region unbeaten as Braxton Brooks rushed for 86 yards, returned a kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown and threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Garrett White. Josh Lowery added 46 yards rushing on 13 carries.

No stats were available for Brantley.

Brantley will be back at home Friday night when the Bulldogs host the Georgiana Panthers, in a key region matchup.

Kayden Dunn is crowned as the 2021 'Homecoming Queen' at Brantley High School during festivities Friday night, Oct. 1, during the football game.

New Brockton Gamecocks picked off by Slocomb 35-7

Statistics by Brandon Speedy White
File Photos by Greg Brunson

The New Brockton Gamecocks watched a one-point second quarter lead vanish in the closing seconds of the half and never recovered in a disappointing 35-7 region loss to the Slocomb Red Tops, Friday night in Slocomb.

New Brockton threatened in the first quarter as Brayson Carr connected with Matthew Smith for 38 yards and later hit Tre Boland with a 7-yard completion to move the Gamecocks to a first down at the Slocomb 26-yardline. However, Carr was sacked for a big loss on fourth down as the Gamecocks came away empty-handed.

Carr moved New Brockton to midfield on the Gamecocks next possession on a 33-yard pass to Jaxon Whitworth, but Slocomb

stopped the drive with a pass interception and drove down the field to get on the scoreboard.

The Red Top touchdown came on a 12-yard pass from Caulin Thomas to Rashawn Miller, and while the extra-point try failed, Slocomb was on top 6-0 with 10:40 left in the second quarter.

New Brockton turned the ball over on its next two offensive series, but regained possession late in the quarter and went on a 57-yard scoring drive to take the lead. The touchdown came on a 42-yard pass from Brayson Carr to Jaxon Whitworth, and Jacob Payton kicked the extra-point as the Gamecocks took a 7-6 lead with 2:59 left in the quarter.

Slocomb took the ensuing kickoff and quickly answered the Gamecocks challenge as Thomas led the Red Tops down the field with 16 yards on two carries and Miller scored

on a 1-yard run to cap the 55-yard scoring march. Jaylen Nobles ran in the two-point conversion, and with 51-seconds remaining in the half Slocomb was back on top 14-7.

Slocomb wasn't through yet; however, as the Red Tops Body Campbell

picked off a Gamecocks pass and returned it 55 yards for a touchdown with 21-seconds still left in the half, and Asael Morin added the extra-point as Slocomb went in at the half on top 21-7.

Slocomb's Jaylen Nobles got a 'pick six' early in the third quarter as he returned an interception 72 yards for a score to push the Red Tops lead to 27-7 with 10:50 remaining in the quarter, while the final score came after yet another interception, this time on a 9-yard dash by Caulin Thomas. Thomas also ran in the two-point conversion to put the Red Tops on top 35-7 with 9:26 left in the quarter, and New Brockton never threatened again as they dropped their third region contest of the season with the 35- road loss.

Jaxon Whitworth caught 2 passes for 75 yards and one touchdown to lead New Brockton on offense, while Matthew Smith had 2 catches for 41 yards, Jamarcus Brown rushed for 44 yards on 14 carries and Drew Cashin added 26 yards on the ground on seven carries.

The Gamecock defense was led by Tre Boland with 6 tackles, two tackles for losses and one fumble recovery, while Drew Cashin added 8 tackles, one tackle for a loss and a pass interception; Michael Siniard added 6 tackles and one tackle for a loss; and Baylon Foster had 5 stops.

The Junior High team completed the season with a 6-4 overall record, taking a loss to Andalusia 20-25 and 15-25. Lilli Sumblin had eight serves, 10 assists, six hits, and 26 passes to lead the Kinston junior high squad in this match. Brynn Kelley added 26 passes.

The Kinston junior varsity squad lost to Andalusia in three sets 25-20, 21-25 and 7-15. Cameran Whigham had four aces on 15 serves for the Lady Bulldogs while Madison Lolley accounted for eight hits and 12 kills.

The Lady Dawgs varsity squad also lost to Andalusia in five sets – 16-25, 25-21,

On Thursday, Sept. 30, the Kinston Junior High, Junior Varsity, and Varsity squads competed against Andalusia.

The junior varsity squad also had a match against



Brantley Bulldog Jayden Parks (11) turns to pitch the ball to Bulldog teammate Daquan Pittman (5) in last week's 46-18 region win over the Samson Tigers.



New Brockton head coach Zach Holmes talks with his team during a time out. The Gamecocks will host Northside Methodist Friday night.



New Brockton Gamecock Marching Band members perform during halftime festivities. The Gamecocks will host Northside Methodist Friday night in a non-region contest.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs ranked #4 in Class 1A volleyball

On Monday, Sept. 27, the Kinston Lady Bulldogs varsity volleyball team competed in a tri-match with Luverne and Goshen, and the Lady Bulldogs won matches against both opponents.

The Lady Dawgs defeated Goshen 25-19 and 25-11 while they also defeated Luverne 25-16 and 25-18.

The following day, Sept. 28, the Lady Bulldogs had a match against Samson and won in three sets 25-17, 25-15 and 25-15. Blair Wyrosdick had three aces on 14 serves along with 15 hits and four kills. Claire McReynolds also had 29 passes for Kinston.

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